

ROCKY HILL PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Meeting

Present: T. Bremner, T. Corlis, L. Goldman, D. Kluchinski, G. White, E. Zimmerman
R. Whitlock arrived late

Absent: R. Ayrey, C. Cann, C. Pihokken, A. Youtz

Also present: V. Kimson and K. Philip

Statement of Adequate Notice

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Municipal bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman: The Chair and Vice Chair were both absent therefore motion was made by L. Goldman and G. White seconded the motion to appoint D. Kluchinski as temporary chair. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

May 13, 2008 – Motion made by E. Zimmerman and T. Bremner seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2008. The vote was 4-0 in favor from those eligible to vote. Motion carried.

May 13, 2008 (closed session) – Motion made by E. Zimmerman and L. Goldman seconded the motion to approve the closed session minutes of May 13, 2008. The vote was 3-0 in favor from those eligible to vote. Motion carried.

Open Public Comment Period: The meeting was opened to the public. Being that there were no comments, a motion was made by T. Brenner and G. White seconded the motion to close the public comment period. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Correspondence

There were no announcements.

Resolutions of Law/Findings of Fact:

- a) Henry and Susan Bristol
Preservation Plan
Washington Street; Block 4, Lot 18.03

Motion was made by L. Goldman and T. Bremner seconded the motion to approve the resolution for Henry and Susan Bristol. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

For: Bremner, Goldman, Kluchinski, Zimmerman

Against: None

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION:

a) Master Plan and Development Regulations Reexamination: Preliminary Draft Report:

V. Kimson, Esq. stated that she spoke with Chairman Pihokken who requested the Planning Board member table the vote on this matter until next month when the planner, Duggan Kimball, is able to attend. E. Zimmerman stated that Rocky Hill has a parking problem and the proposed amendments to the master plan should address this. L. Goldman stated that residential parking permits may be a consideration. V. Kimson stated that the municipal engineer, William Tanner, provided language on the stormwater ordinance that should be included in the revised draft. She also reminded board members that any correspondence that is generated or received in your capacity as a planning board member is considered official correspondence, even correspondence through e-mail. E. Zimmerman stated that council members forward all correspondence to the Clerk. This is necessary due to the open public request act, all correspondence is made a part of the file.

G. White made a motion and E. Zimmerman seconded the motion to continue the discussion at the July 10th meeting. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

b) COAH Update and Overview

V. Kimson asked if Kimball and Kimball should review the COAH standards as well. E. Zimmerman stated that he feels their review is warranted because of recent changes. He advised that Borough Council on Monday approved a resolution pledging funds to the League of Municipalities and their challenge to COAH.

G. White made a motion and E. Zimmerman seconded the motion to continue the discussion at the July 10th meeting. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

V. Kimson advised that Somerset County is requesting assistance on updating growth projections through 2030. The County initially requested this information in June but we received an extension to mid July. She stated that Kimball and Kimball was asked to give an estimate to prepare the projection, the price quoted is between \$1500 and \$2000, Council members tabled their discussion on the rate was reviewed by the Planning Board. G. White made a motion and T. Corlis seconded the motion to authorize Borough Council to allocate an amount not to exceed \$2000 for preparation of the 2030 Growth Projections for Rocky Hill by Kimball and Kimball. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

For: Bremner, Corlis, Goldman, Kluchinski, White, Zimmerman

Against: None

Abstain: None

L. Goldman provided the background of the County's growth share projections. She stated that it may be to the Borough's advantage to correct the data because the County's projection is much higher than the projections from COAH.

V. Kimson advised that the Borough has retained escrow monies for multiple development proposals that were reviewed by the Planning Board. It has been determined that the escrow monies should be returned to the applicants. The Chief Financial Officer has prepared a list of all projects, the Planning Board was asked to review the list to determine if review is concluded and all professionals have been paid for their service. V. Kimson stated that she will review the projects and recommended that the board authorize release of the escrow monies subsequent to all professionals being contacted to confirm that their services have been paid in full. She advised that the Planning Board Chair will be instructed to look at the escrow report monthly to determine if the remaining escrow monies for each account are sufficient for remaining work on that particular project.

V. Kimson handed out documentation pertaining to the Permit Extension Act and stated that this will be discussed by the Planning Board members in July.

T. Bremner recused himself from litigation matters. E. Zimmerman made a motion to go into closed session and L. Goldman seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Being that there were no other matters before the board, motion was made by G. White and E. Zimmerman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry A. Philip
Recording Secretary